

**REMARKS**

In the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on September 11, 2006, the Examiner required Applicants to elect one of two allegedly disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants respectfully traverse this Restriction Requirement. However, in order to be responsive to this Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Species B, namely claims 6-11, drawn to a method for making a Y-shaped gusset structure of a support frame for vehicles.

The Examiner has stated on page 2 of the Restriction Requirement that the present application “contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

“Species A – directed towards claims 1-5, a Y-shaped gusset structure.

Species B – directed towards claims 6-11, a method.”

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 6 are directed to similar subject matter (e.g., a Y-shaped gusset structure) and as a result the scope of these claims should be covered by a single prior art search. For example both claims 1 and 6 require a first hollow section and a second hollow section, in which the first hollow section is cut and bent up and the second hollow section is inserted into the first hollow section and integrally connected to the first hollow section to form the Y-shaped gusset structure. Since both independent claims are directed to similar subject matter,

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

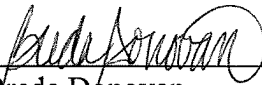
Applicants also request that the present amendments to claims 6 and 7 be entered. These amendments correct matters of form and further clarify the subject matter claimed. Support for these amendments, may be found, for example, on pages 7 and 8, and FIGS. 1,2,3,6 and 7 of the originally filed application. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced by the present amendments.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the present Restriction Requirement. In the event the Restriction Requirement is maintained, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 6-11 as amended, and withdraw claims 1-5 from further examination at this time. Applicants believe that no fees are required to enter this Amendment and Response. However, in the event Applicants are required to pay fees the Commissioner is authorized to charge all necessary fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 16-2500.

Respectfully submitted,

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